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The Milford Valley Healthcare District urges the Public Service Commission to follow the recommendation of the task force and remove the GSS and EAC rates from Questar Gas Company's tariff. Our district provides much needed health care services to this rural area. Our facility is in critical need of upgrade as our structure has outlived its usefulness due to age. Our ability to bring our service and facilities to the necessary standard would improve greatly with additional investment in our community. High utility rates and more specifically those created by the existence of the GSS rate to our tariff currently serve as an impediment to such investment.

We are an important, albeit very small hospital in this part of the state and as such struggle to meet the ever-increasing healthcare needs of our citizens. The elimination of the GSS rates would help us in two ways; 1) it would lower the operation and maintenance costs of our existing facility, and 2) it would enhance the County's ability to attract additional economic base to our taxing district. New industry would pump lifegiving investment into our county providing the tax base necessary to allow us to make necessary upgrades to our healthcare system.

As a healthcare district, we plead with you to accept the recommendations of the task force and eliminate the GSS and EAC rates from our gas tariff. It is our understanding that this action would significantly lower our rates while raising the rates of the entire Questar rate base by less than 20 cents per month. In our view this is a small price to pay for allowing our rural community to achieve some of the same prosperity seen recently along the <u>Wasatch Front</u>.

Sincerely,

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Administrator

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Committee of Consumer Services

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